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MEMORANDUM FOR : Deputy Director of Security for  
Investigations and Operational Support

SUBJECT : Spring Threat to the Agency

1. Since the first announcements late last summer that antiwar activists would attempt to shut down the city of Washington this spring, the only change in the rhetoric has been the addition of more voices in the campaign to encourage widespread participation.

2. The exact date for executing the plan has varied from a generalization ("next May") to the dates of 1 May, 3 May and 4 May. Most often mentioned, however, is the 3rd; and I believe this is far and away the most likely date. May 3 falls on a Monday (the 1st, a Saturday, would not achieve the desired result, and the 4th has been seldom mentioned and has no apparent significance). Regardless of the extent of participation that Rennie Davis, Abbie Hoffman, Michael Lerner (of the Seattle Conspiracy) and others have been able to generate, I am convinced that the planned disruption will come off. The only persistent and practical tactic mentioned is to stall vehicles on bridges and access roads to the city (nails on the highway and large kites on nylon tethers to ensnarl helicopters are examples of other disruptive tactics mentioned).

3. Although future conferences could adopt some changes in the plan, if it goes off on schedule (and it is highly likely that it will), in mid-April a large segment of the antiwar movement (principally under the leadership of the National Coalition Against War, Racism and Repression, the CPUSA-influenced successor to the New Mobe) will present the Government with an ultimatum to adopt immediately the "People's Peace Treaty" recently hammered out in Hanoi by antiwar radicals and North Vietnam functionaries (copy attached) or be closed down by activists.

4. The stalled vehicle plan itself is undoubtedly a romantically brash and imaginative strategy to young peaceniks. There

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will be some takers, and it will not take many to do the intended job.

5. I believe our office response and planning should be started now with three months of forewarning. Our objective should be naturally the protection of our buildings and where possible our people, and assisting in any way possible the routine conduct of Agency business. I suggest that overnight sleeping and eating facilities be readied to precede the vehicle stall (now tentatively scheduled for 6:00 a.m. on the 3rd of May). Perhaps a security complement should remain in Agency buildings from roughly 2:00 a.m. on the 3rd until the stall is handled by responsible police jurisdictions.

6. Additionally, other components should be made aware of the strong disruption possibility so that they may plan accordingly for the continued presence of key people.

7. Activists threaten to continue this tactic day after day until the Government surrenders to their demands, but probably one day will be all they can manage.

8. This Office will keep you advised, as promptly as possible, of any change in the disruption plan as it now stands.

AC/CI-CE Support Branch

Attachment:  
People's Peace Treaty